

THE FEEDLINE

THE CANTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MAY 2007



Field Day is Neigh

With the official arrival of summer comes an amateur tradition known as "Field Day". Most CARC members know what this involves. For our members who have recently joined CARC, you are about to witness something extraordinary.

During a hectic 24 hour period in late June, amateurs operate non-stop, with the goal of contacting as many other amateur stations as possible. Participants may operate in one of several classes of stations. From QRP to emergency powered to home stations, there is a place for all.

Field Day traditionally begins on a Saturday afternoon, and concludes 24 hours later. The rules allow participants to build their temporary stations the Friday before the event. Many clubs enter the Field Day event in the class known as "2A", or "Two Alpha". This class involves two HF transmitters, on the air with no connection to commercial power. We operate additional stations as allowed by the rules, so there is ample opportunity to get on the air as a participant.

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EVERY 3RD WED 7:30P
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CARC has operated 2A for several years. We set up on Frank Dearman's (W8TUY) farm the Friday before the event. Many hands make light work! CARC would like to see as many members as possible participate. It's hard to beat the experience of operating under challenging conditions. Some call Field Day the "Olympics of Amateur Radio", and I would say that is not far from the truth!

Come to the next CARC meeting on June 20 to learn more!

Open House a Success

The EOC was quite crowded on April 18 due to a large number of visitors to the CARC Open House. An invitation was sent to nearly all listed Stark County amateurs. For over two hours, there was nonstop excitement as visitors met with CARC members who generously volunteered their time and talents.

Open house is an outreach effort of CARC, designed to introduce prospective members to the club and it's cadre of fine amateurs.



CARC Breakfast

CARC members and their guests are invited to an informal breakfast meeting on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM. We meet at the Nazir Grotto building at 1717 Sixth Street SW. This is immediately East of Grainger industrial supply.

For a modest cost, you are treated to a variety of standard breakfast menu items, and a good time in fellowship with other amateurs.



AREA NETS

ARES NET
TUESDAY
FM 7:00 PM 147.120

ALLIANCE ARC
THURSDAY
CW 8:00 PM 28.400
SSB 8:30 PM 28.400
FM 9:00 PM 145.370

MASSILLON ARC
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FRIDAY
FM 8:00 PM 147.180

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MONDAY
FM 8:30 PM 147.270

PORTAGE COUNTY ARS
THURSDAY
FM 8:00 PM 146.895

LAKE ERIE ARA
THURSDAY
FM 8:00 PM 146.760

GOODYEAR ARC
THURSDAY
FM 7:30 PM 146.985

WOOSTER ARC DX GRP
THURSDAY
FM 8:00 PM 147.345
(110.9 PL)

Have a NET you would like to see publicized here?

Please send details to Dale NX8J, Feedline editor at:

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Twass the Night Before Field Day 2006



Twass the night before Field Day and up at the Park,
The towers are up quite a bit before dark.
The rain didn't stop us – it quit just in time,
Mother Nature this year is gentle and kind.

No heads stuck this time in an aluminum trap,
The Vets tell the story of the unfortunate sap.
But still the big beam was a test of our skill,
next time we'll run coax while it's on the ground still.



The arrangement is blessed by Bruce Almighty,
The towers aligned, the wires are tidy.
Except for the vertical, alone and forlorn,
From which many troubles would later be born.

The wires are hung by the ground hogs with care,
In hopes that Saint Elmo soon will be there.
With great hopes we prep for the Radio Day,
We plan to kick butt and have it our way.

Ye Olde Timers set up their stuff and their tents,
They'll shepherd the site thru the weekend's events.
They wheeze and they grumble "It's not like it ought",
Their warnings brushed off in the end they yield naught.

The digital tent is a white foodstuff stall,
But viewing the screen will require our all.
The SSB stations are this year but one,
They'll have to go fast if our section is won.



Iron Man Anthony is up in the ERV,
He never once wavers, or loses his nerve.
The Fist Shack is located down on the end,
Their paddles will smoke, the ionosphere bend.

Six meters is added to many's surprise,
Nestled amongst the towers and guys.
No PC logging for this crew this day,
pencil and paper – the old fashioned way.

The setup brings Dennis and digital gear,
The Geezer Fists stare with amazement and sneer.
They laugh and they giggle when the rig won't transmit,
It seems a small cable was left out of his kit.

The SSB rig is quite smarter than Steve,
To set the controls he must ask Bruce's leave.
An accident bump of a button or two,
Will shut them right down til the fix he can do.



Larry comes by and blows us away,
it's possible we could be called out today.
the raining and flooding have caused a big mess,
the Red Cross downtown may require our best.

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SWAP COLUMN

Western Electric

Model 28 Teletype

with controller, 170 or
850 shift selectable,
original instruction
manual. Make offer.

Gary Osborn WA8ADA

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Kenwood TH-77A

2m-440m Transceiver

with inst. manual,
speaker-mike, two new
12V 1650 mAh batteries,
new charger. Comet CH-
32 Miracle Baby antenna

The radio is not work-
ing at this time, I be-
lieve it needs a new
backup battery. The ap-
pearance is like new.
I would like to have
\$50 for everything.

Rod Bricker KA8MWZ

330-499-3130 or

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12 volt, 9AH sealed
Lead Acid Battery

I have several "pulls"
from commercial UPS
units, free for the
asking. Same physical
size as 7AH SLA's. Very
heavy, you must pick
up. As-is batteries are
about 3 years old.

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www.arrl.org

ARRL OHIO SECTION
www.iarc.ws

QCWA CHAPTER 21
www.cmh.net/~jpvsvr

DX-SUMMIT
www.oh2aq.kolumbus.com

INTL MORSE PRESEVATION
SOCIETY
www.fists.org

CQ MAGAZINE
www.cq-amateur-radio.com

CONTEST CALENDAR
www.hornucopia.com/contestcal

WEB SITE
OF THE BI-MONTH
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the hyphen. Enter your
ZIP code on the form
which appears]

Ken Kontor passed this
along via Roger Gray. It
draws a map of all hams
in your area. Very cool!

Bus Mishap Enroute to Dayton

The following is reprinted as received from fellow ham Rich Kuster, AF1K. Photographs are also the handiwork of Rich.

At the last minute, I decided to go to this year's Dayton Hamvention on the Pioneer (<http://www.qsl.net/w8ctt/>) club's charter bus. Unfortunately, when we were about a half hour from arriving at the Hamvention, there was an accident. It involved the full size bus we were on and two semis. The last report on our bus driver was that he had suffered broken leg. That is a MAJOR miracle when you look at the rear of truck we got rammed into. The truck we were pushed into was (probably) carrying steel with one bundle overhanging rear of flat bed. That overhang was just about where our bus drivers head was when the last impact occurred! Also, after the first truck rammed us from behind, it then sideswiped us. It was a scary slow motion being in the bus as that truck went scraping by knocking out bus windows as it went by on the driver side of our bus. Uggh!

Safety crews were on site in about 10 - 15 minutes but it took nearly an hour & half before the bus driver was extracted. The door on bus was crushed closed which meant most of us had to climb out of a window. Those which were not able to make it out that way had to wait until the emergency crews brought a ladder. To get the driver out, the emergency crews had to slice open side of bus and slide his stretcher out on a ladder between bus and the cement barriers. Whew, it was a close one... One surprise, it took nearly an hour for the news crew to show up (hihi)

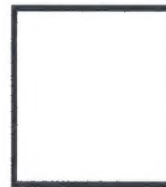
73 de Rich AF1K



That's a wrap! SK! Due to space limitations, "The Elmer Speaks" did not appear in this issue. Stay tuned for the next FEEDLINE, where you'll read about an interesting auction (in our own backyard) where old vacuum tubes sell for hundreds of dollars! Would you believe an original DeForest Audion was worth \$750 to someone?

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IMPORTANT CLUB DATES FOR 2007

June 20 - Field Day planning

[June 23-24 Field Day, **Yahoo!**]

July 18 - Some HF Modes You've Probably Never Tried by Dale NX8J

August 15 - Open

September 19 - Open

October 17 - Open

November 21 - Open

December 19 - Open



ARRL MORSE CODE PROFICIENCY FIELD TEST



++ The Canton/Massillon Amateur Radio Clubs Offers Code Testing – for Fun ++

The Canton & Massillon Amateur Radio VE team begins participating in a pilot study of an ARRL field code proficiency testing program administered by accredited Volunteer Examiners (VE's), in June. The first of the monthly sessions will be offered on June 16, 2007 at 9:00 AM. The location for the testing will be at the Massillon Senior Center, 39 Lincoln Way West, Massillon, Ohio. Morse code testing will be offered from 5-40 wpm in steps of 5 wpm. There is no charge to participate. The pilot program is essentially an extension of the long-standing Code Proficiency program conducted over W1AW. It functions only in four municipal areas in the ARRL Great Lakes Division of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

All area residents interested in demonstrating their ability to receive Morse code are invited to join in the testing. Test participants do not need to be Amateur Radio operators. The runs are in no way related to FCC examinations and do not provide FCC accreditation for code proficiency.

Successful candidates will demonstrate one minute of perfect copy of the transmitted text at one or more test speeds. Persons who achieve 1 minute of solid copy will receive a receipt that confirms their accomplishment.

For further information on Morse code testing runs, contact Gary Kline, WC8W (wc8w@arrl.net), or Perry Ballinger, W8AU (w8au@sssnet.com). All are welcome. **NO PREREGISTRATIONS REQUIRED.** You may be surprised to learn how easy it is to develop and demonstrate skills in using Morse code. You, too, can talk on the air with DX and others operations that use CW only.